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BLM COMPLETES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

MILES CITY, Mont., – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office has completed an environmental assessment on Fidelity Corporation's applications to drill 24 federal coal bed natural gas wells in the CX Field near Decker.

Fidelity plans to drill the wells at 11 sites in the Dry Creek area which currently produces coal bed natural gas from 122 wells located on private and state leases which were authorized by the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation.

The project also includes the installation of the required infrastructure to carry produced gas and water to existing facilities. The water will either be put to beneficial use or discharged into the Tongue River in accordance with Fidelity's existing water discharge permit issued by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

A complete copy of the environmental assessment will be available later next week on the web at: www.mt.blm.gov/mcfo. Additional questions may be referred to BLM Coal Bed Natural Gas Program Manager David Breisch at (406)233-3645.

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